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Remarks

Applicant has amended claims 1-3, 6, 11 and 13, added new claims 18-22, and canceled claims 4, 5 and 12. Claims 1-3, 6-11 and 13-22 are pending. Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to add various features. For example, both claims 1 and 11 have been amended to recite that the body of the sled is adapted for receiving a plurality of riders. Claim 1 has further been amended to include an engagement recess for a wheeled item and an attachment mechanism (originally, claim 5). Additionally, claim 1 now defines that the wheels of the wheeled item are positioned on the bottom surface side of the body, and extend away from the body, so that the base piece of the wheeled item is positioned between the wheels and the sled body. Claim 11 has further been amended to define that the bottom surface of the body has scooter engagement recesses for releaseably receiving scooters therein. Additionally, claim 11 has been amended to include the recitation of the attachment mechanisms (originally, claim 12).

Claim 2 has been amended to further define a floor scooter.

Claims 3, 6 and 13 have been amended to better correspond to the claims from which they depend.

New claim 18 is directed to a specific embodiment of a sled body. Claims 19-22 depend from claim 18.

Support for each of these amendments and new claims can be found in the application as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-5, 11 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Null et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,947,495. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 11, to better clarify the claimed invention.

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended, for example, to recite that the sled body is adapted to carry a plurality of riders, and that the bottom surface includes an engagement recess. Claim 1 has further been amended to recite that the wheels of the wheeled item extend away from the

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body. The wheels are totally positioned on the bottom side of the body, so that the base piece of the wheeled item is positioned between the wheels and the body. Claim 11 has further been amended to recite that the bottom surface of the body has two recesses for receiving the scooters, and that the body includes attachment mechanisms for removably securing the scooters to the recesses.

There is no teaching, at least, of multiple riders, as recited in claims 1 and 11, in Null et al. Additionally, there is no teaching of having the wheels (of the wheeled item) positioned in a recess on the bottom surface side of the body and extending away from the body, so that the base piece is positioned between the wheels and the body, as recited in amended claim 1. Null et al. illustrates at least a portion of the wheels 55a, 55b, 65a, 65b present between the base piece and the sled body. Still further, there is no teaching of the sled having two recesses for receiving scooters therein.

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At least for these reasons, Null et al. does not anticipate claims 1-3 and 11 (claims 4, 5 and 12 having been canceled). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7, 8, 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Null et al. Claims 6 and 13 were rejected as unpatentable over Null et al. in view of Matheny, U.S. Patent No. 5,810,376. Claims 9 and 16 were rejected as unpatentable over Null et al. in view of Rohner, U.S. Patent No. 6,213,484, and claims 10 and 17 were rejected as unpatentable over Null et al. in view of Wetzel, U.S. Patent No. 3,374,000. Applicants disagree.

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Each of these rejections uses Null et al. as the base reference. Teachings and deficiencies of Null et al. have been discussed above. None of Matheny, Rohner, nor Wetzel remedy the deficiencies of Null et al. Matheny merely discloses a sled having removable wheels, using a bolt as an attachment mechanism, and a handle on the sled. Rohner merely discloses a skateboard having a handle 20, 20'. Wetzel discloses that a connector and connector receptacle can be present on a vehicle. Even with these teachings of Null et al., Matheny, Rohner and Wetzel, combined, there is no suggestion of having a toy sled or a sled body as recited by the pending claims.

Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

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SUMMARY

Applicants submit that the claims are in proper form for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance thereof. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

Attached is a marked-up version of the amendments made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative if it will facilitate prosecution of this application.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Claim 1-3, 6, 11 and 13 were amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A toy sled comprising:

(a) a body having a top surface and a bottom surface, the top surface adapted for receiving a plurality of riders [rider] thereon and the bottom surface comprising an engagement recess adapted for receiving a wheeled item and further comprising an attachment mechanism for removably securing the wheeled item in the engagement recess; and

(b) a wheeled item removably secured to engagement recess in the bottom surface of the body, the wheeled item comprising a base piece having a first side and a second side, and a plurality of wheels rotatably connected to the first side of the base piece, the first side of the base piece positioned between the plurality of wheels and the second side of the base piece, and the second side of the base piece secured to the body so that the plurality of wheels extends away from the body.

2. (Amended) The toy sled according to claim 1, wherein the wheeled item is a floor scooter having four castor wheels connected to a square base piece.

3. (Amended) The toy sled according to claim [2 comprising] 1, wherein the bottom surface comprises a plurality of engagement recesses, each recess adapted for receiving a plurality of wheeled items therein.

6. (Amended) The toy sled according to claim 1 [5], wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a bolt.

11. (Amended) A toy sled comprising:

(a) a body having a top surface and a bottom surface, the top surface adapted for receiving a plurality of riders [rider] thereon;

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(b) the bottom surface defining [having] a first scooter engagement [region] recess and a second scooter engagement [region] recess, the first scooter engagement [region] recess adapted to releaseably receive a first scooter and the second scooter engagement [region] recess adapted to releaseably receive a second scooter; and

(c) a first attachment mechanism for removably securing the first scooter to the first scooter recess and a second attachment mechanism for removably securing the second scooter to the second scooter recess.

13. (Amended) The toy sled according to claim 11 [12], wherein the attachment mechanism comprises a bolt.